IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Peter FRANK) Confirmation No.: 6468
Application No.: 10/551,996) Group Art Unit: 3726
Filed: October 11, 2006) Examiner: HOWELL, Daniel W.
FOR: DRILLING TOOL	<i>)</i>)

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 17, 2010, the period for response to which extends through January 17, 2011, please consider the corrected listing of claims accompanying herewith. In agreement with the notice, only the corrected section, i.e., the listing of claims, is provided. Claim 1 has been corrected to include the annotation of added and removed matter. Claim 15 has been amended into independent form to include the features of claim 1.